

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 32 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated May 21, 2007, the Examiner stated that claims 1 to 18 and 21 to 32 are allowed but rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by DE 10108493 (Obendiek).

Claims 19 and 20 have been amended, support being found in [0068] et seq., for example.

Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowing claims 1 to 18 and 21 to 32. However, Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 19 and 20.

Obendiek discloses a convertible vehicle top comprising a middle first roof part 5 and a front second roof part 4.

Claim 19

With respect to claim 19, claim 19 has been amended and now recites “a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part”.

It is respectfully submitted that Obendiek does not teach or disclose “a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part” as claimed in claim 19 of the present invention, as agreed upon in the telephone interview on September 18, 2007 (see attached Interview Summary and Statement of Substance of Interview).

Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 19 therefore is respectfully requested.

Claim 20

With respect to claim 20, claim 20 also has been amended and now recites “a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part”. Applicants point out that claim 20 has been amended in the same manner that claim 19 has been amended, with the same additional limitation being recited in both claims. It is respectfully submitted that Obendiek does not teach or disclose “a link pivotably connected to the first roof part by a hinge being directly provided at the first roof part” as claimed in claim 20 of the present

invention, as agreed upon in the telephone interview on September 18, 2007 (see attached Interview Summary and Statement of Substance of Interview). Therefore, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that claim 20 also is not anticipated by Obendiek.


Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 20 thus is respectfully requested as well.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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